



ÉCOLE SEAFORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Many thanks to the parents who came to the January PAC meeting. We had a very interesting discussion about a number of topics, including the fundraising and donation policies that are currently in place. We are considering the suggestions that we received and may come forward with some new options to be discussed at the June AGM. We will email the minutes to everybody once they are complete. It has been brought to my attention that we made a commitment at the end of last year to email the PAC meeting minutes every month. My apologies for the oversight. We will certainly email the minutes to all parents going forward, and will include the September to December minutes in the next communication to parents. The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15.

New PAC Website

Many thanks to Rachel Shen and her daughter Stephanie for creating a new PAC website! We're just in the process of transferring the domain, so within a few days you should see the new website when you go to www.seaforthpac.net. It's very simple and plain, but it's easy to maintain and website control can be easily transferred to the incoming PAC every year. Thank you to William Wong for building the original site and maintaining it for so many years.

Crosswalk Supervision

Many thanks to Anne Deliyannides and Donna Binotto for taking on the important role of Crosswalk Supervision. Our parent and student volunteers are being trained on February 2, and we will have crosswalk supervisors for both pick up and drop off starting on February 6. Please respect our parent and student volunteers – they're out there, rain and shine, to keep your children safe.

Anne and Donna are focused on crosswalk safety and are not traffic police, but clearly we all need a little reminder about traffic safety rules and regulations. Anne and Donna will be coordinating Traffic Safety Week from February 6 to 10, reminding parents about the pick up / drop off rules and traffic safety regulations. They will need some extra parent volunteers during this time to assist our student volunteers with crosswalk supervision. If you're able to help out, please email Anne at anne_d@telus.net.

February Kindness Campaign

We are very excited about our plans for an entire month of community building and kindness in February, ending with Pink Shirt Day on February 29. We're kicking off the campaign with an assembly on January 30 at 9:15. More information will go home with your children on January 30. There will certainly be opportunities to help out during the month. If you'd like to get involved, email chair@seaforthpac.net. And if you don't have time to help out at school, you can always have your own kindness campaign at home! Websites such as www.randomactsofkindness.org and www.onekindact.com offer lots of ideas that you and your kids can use to make the world a better place, one kind act at a time.

Seaforth is also hosting a parent presentation on Thursday, February 23 from 7-8:30pm. Speakers from the district will discuss how the district deals with bullying, and what parents can do to support their child after an incident. More details will be distributed soon.

Munch a Lunch Hot Lunch Program

In last year's PAC survey, many parents indicated their desire to have more hot lunch days and to have new meal choices. The Munch a Lunch Hot Lunch program will be offered every second Thursday (on weeks where there is no hot lunch) starting on February 16, and will run in addition to the existing hot lunch program. At the end of the school year we will decide whether to continue to run both programs again for 2012–2013. All proceeds from the MyTiffin Hot Lunch program will go to the PAC and will be used to support the school and our students, as discussed and approved at PAC General Meetings.

Thank Yous!

Thanks to Jen Mezei, Bonnie Kao and all of the parent volunteers who coordinated Santa's Breakfast! It was a wonderful event, as always, and everybody had a lot of fun.

We welcome your feedback and opinions. Please do not hesitate to call me at 604-219-2824 or send a note to chair@seaforthpac.net.

Yours truly,
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